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Masaki KURIHARA et al.

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For: CONTROLLER FOR WIRE ELECTRIC DISCHARGE MACHINE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2004, applicant(s) elect(s) Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 10 of Group I, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

10. The controller for a wire electric discharge machine according to claim 8, wherein on the basis of the comparison result by said comparison means, the amount of coolant is controlled

14. The controller for a wire electric discharge machine according to claim 11, wherein said control on the basis of an amount of machining of said workpiece through discharge pulse is performed based on a counted value obtained by counting the discharge pulse number applied every predetermined time, and a predetermined value determined in advance.

15. The controller for a wire electric discharge machine according to claim 11, wherein said control on the basis an amount of machining of said workpiece through discharge pulse is performed based on a value obtained by computing to integrate the discharge pulse current applied every predetermined time, and a predetermined value determined in advance.